



## NORTH CAROLINA ARMY RETIREE COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Minutes of the North Carolina Army Retiree Council Meeting  
13 December 2003

1. The quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Army Retiree Council (NCARC) was called to order by Co-Chairman SGM(R) Law at 0930 hours, 13 December 2003 at the Ft. Bragg Officers' Club.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

COL(R) Don Latella, Co-Chairman  
SGM(R) Larry Law, Co-Chairman  
COL(R) Rudy Baker  
COL(R) Joe F. Britt  
COL(R) David F. Borresen  
COL(R) Clifford M. Deal (III)  
COL(R) Donald J. Goulet (V)  
COL(R) George F. Heberer (IV)  
COL(R) William F. Rawley Sr. (VI)  
COL(R) Thomas Rosell  
LTC(R) Thomas E. Parsons (VIII)  
CW4(R) James E. Flanders  
MSG(R) Moses L. Best  
SFC(R) Salvatore J. Campochario  
SFC(R) Richard A. Clemmons (IV)  
SFC(R) William E. Schone (VI)  
SSG(R) Frances Crawford (V)  
Mr. John Bell - IRSO  
( ) indicates regional area

### OTHERS PRESENT

COL Al Aycock, Garrison Commander  
COL Mark McAllister, Cdr 18<sup>th</sup> SSG (Abn)  
LTC(R) Edwin Griffith, Greenville, NC  
Ms. Connie Gordon, AAFES Gen. Mgr.  
Mr. David Carry, Commissary Officer  
CPT John Misenheimer, Dep AG

2. Mr. Bell gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. SGM(R) Law recognized guests/visitors and review the material in the packet.

4. COL Aycock gave an update of activities of Corps units that are deployed as well as the role Ft. Bragg has in the mobilization and de-mobilization of reserve unit in support of The Global War on Terrorism. He reported that the civilization of the security forces manning the entry points to the installation is going very well. He also gave an over-view for some of the future plans for reconfiguring the access entry points to the post. He reported that the MWR activities are available to all retirees and their families and encouraged retirees to take advantage of these activities/facilities. He indicated that for those who not have post decals on their vehicles, it is still a very simple process to gain entry to Ft. Bragg.

5. COL McAllister gave a brief report on the activities of the 18<sup>th</sup> Soldier Support Group (Abn) both here at Ft. Bragg and in forward areas.

6. Ms. Gordon reported on AAFES activities. She reported that the furniture store presently located in the mini-mall will be relocated to a site incorporated in the building adjacent to the North Commissary. She announced that there are several locations on post which are open on Saturday morning and serve breakfast.

7. Mr. Carry reported on commissary activities and outlined the major renovation taking place at the North Commissary. He indicated that when complete, the North Commissary should pretty much mirror the newer South Commissary. He did caution that things will be rather hectic in and around the North commissary during the construction phases; however, it will be well worth the inconvenience when completed.

(Drawings were conducted for several door prizes)

8. COL Aycock was asked to do the honors in presenting The Outstanding Civilian Service Medals to COL(R) Tom Rosell and LTC(R) Ed Griffith for their many years of outstanding service to the Army retiree community. COL(R) Rosell was also presented a certificate from the NCARC Co-Chairmen appointing him as a Member Emeritus to the Council.

9. Committee Reports: MSG(R) Best and SFC(R) Campochiaro indicated they had nothing to add to presentation given by the AAFES and Commissary representatives.

## 10. Other Reports:

a. Mr. Bell reported that although Hurricane Isabel caused the cancellation of the golf tournament and the Friday night dinner, RAD 2003 was a big success. The final counts revealed that this RAD had the greatest number of retirees and family members take advantage to the various available services (medical, dental legal, ID cards) which were located in Womack AMC. The vehicle registration facility on Randolph Street also processed a good number of POV registrations for retirees. He also reported that an issue reference curtailing the use of complete Social Security Number by TRICARE will be prepared and forwarded to FORSCOM for consideration by the CSA Army Retiree Council. Issue was submitted by REGION VIII

b. Mr. Bell reported that the number of approved Combat Related Special Compensation cases has been minimal. Only some 3500 cases have been reviewed with approximately half being approved. He indicated that this does not conflict with the recently passed appropriations bill granting concurrent receipt to certain qualified retirees with specific disability percentages. There was some discussion reference both subjects.

## 11. Regional Reports:

Region I – Western – No report

Region II – Northwest – No report

Region III – Southern Piedmont - COL(R) Deal gave a report on last year's activities. The region conducted quarterly meeting (Dutch dinner w/speaker). He indicated that a similar format would be followed in 2004. SGM(R) Law requested that when the schedule for 2004 is finalized that information be furnished to the RSO for inclusion in the Ft. Bragg Retiree Personnel Bulletin.

Region IV – TRIAD - No report

Region V - Cape Fear – LTC(R) Benavitz tendered his resignation after eight years of faithful service. COL(R) Donald J. Goulet, who has agreed to fill the void, was introduced and welcomed to the Council. He reported on activities in the Southern Pines/Pinehurst area. SSG(R) Crawford report that North Carolina passed legislation that protects the release of personal information from DD 214s registered with Clerks of Court

Region VI- Triangle – COL(R) Rawley reported on newsletter information provided by the North Carolina Council of Chapters, The Military Officers Association of America (formerly TROA). He was asked, and agreed to retransmit via email these newsletters to Council members who desired to receive same. He also commented that during RAD 2003 he took advantage of the opportunity to have an eye examination. The results indicated that had ‘macular degeneration’ even though he recently had an annual eye exam. He encouraged everyone to always take the opportunities offered when it comes to health care.

Region VIII – Coastal Plains – LTC(R) Parsons added his thanks to LTC(R) Griffith for his many years as Co-Chairman for the Region.

12. Comments from other Council Members.

COL(R) Baker reminded members to check with their banks and credit unions etc. to ensure that if joint accounts, ‘right of survivorship’ are on file; if an individual account, proper paperwork on file to indicate who is recipient upon death.

CW4(R) Flanders reported on the Fayetteville Veterans’ Day Parade. In response to his question for Council participation in next year’s parade he was informed that the Council is an officially appointed group and functions as an extension of the Corps staff as opposed to being a chartered Association or Club.

13. Co-Chairmen Remarks:

COL(R) Latella thanked the Council members for their participation and efforts, and wished all - Happy Holidays.

SGM(R) Law reported he was a retiree delegate from Ft. Bragg for the Army Family Action Plan Conference conducted by Department of the Army in Alexandria, VA 16-21 November 2003. He gave a short synopsis of the format and work group process of issues.

COL(R) David F. Borresen was introduced and welcomed as an at-large member of the Council replacing COL(R) Rosell. It was announced that COL(R) Doanld A. Doll Jr. would be replacing COL(R) Sweet as Co-Chairman for Region II.

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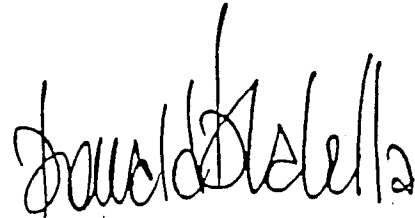
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14. The next meeting is scheduled for 20 March 2004.

15. The meeting adjourned at 1105



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Co-Chairman



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